

PATENT APPLICATION

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b)**

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3 A portable content playback device that includes the ability to accept a
4 media with electronic playback credits, i.e. a smart card, that is pre-loaded with
5 credits. Alternatively, the device may have internal memory that is capable of
6 storing electronic credits. Consequently, when a user plays the content that is
7 protected so that it may only be played only in a "pay per play" application, credits
8 are deducted from the media that manages the amount of electronic credits
9 available to the user.

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